Finding a job for young people with SEND

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Skills for Work, Blackpool Council

Are you:

- Looking for a job
- Aged between 16 to 24 and looking for work
- Working and want to learn new skills or upskill yourself

If so, visit the Skills for Work website where you can access support to find employment.

Project Search is an international work placement programme for students and young people with learning difficulties.

Project Search newsletter

Applications and referrals are open to students who meet the following criteria:

- If you are 16 to 24 years old
- You need to have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- Do you have the appropriate skills for the host business (confidentiality, customer care and communication)
- Do you have the ability to take direction and change behaviour
- You do not have to meet higher level academic requirements to apply

Most of all you need the desire to work!

Benefits to the students:

- Participate in a variety of internships within the council and our partners
- Acquire competitive, transferable and marketable job skills
- Gain increased independence, confidence, and self esteem
- Obtain work based coaching, instruction and feedback

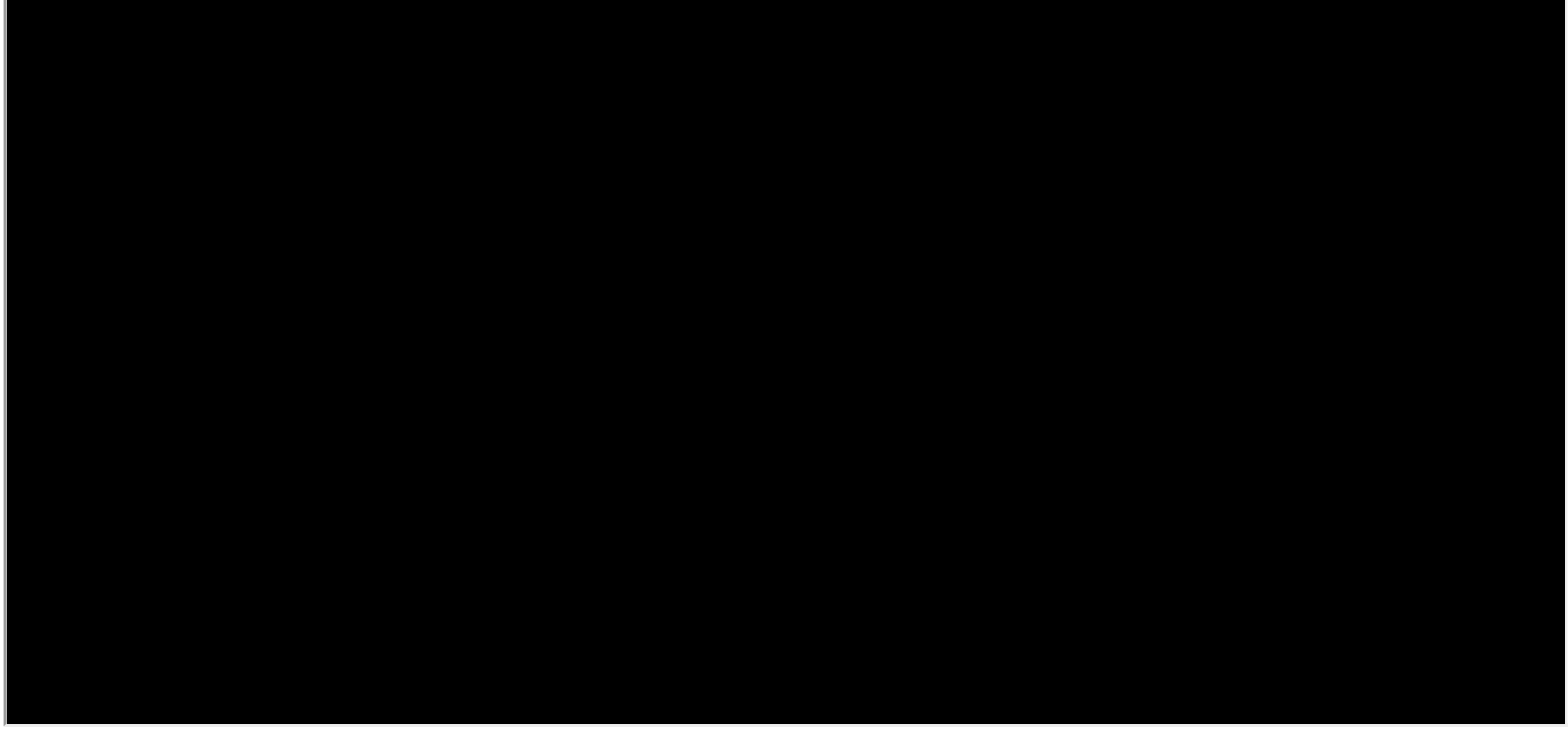
Since its creation in 1997 it has launched more than 100 Project Search sites within the UK alone, with Blackpool being one of the original sites.

Joining project search supported internship

If you are a young person interested in joining project search In the future then speak to us on 01253 477878 or email project.search@blackpool.gov.uk.

If you are a tutor or carer who thinks they know someone who would be suitable for the programme please speak to any of the contacts below!





Contact

Do you need more information on Project Search? Email project.search@blackpool.gov.uk

Project Search website

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a paid job where the employee learns and gains valuable experiences

Blackpool and the Fylde College offer apprenticeships.

NLTG Apprenticeship programmes are full-time, permanent jobs where you gain a nationally recognised qualification and earn a wage all at the same time.

North Lancashire Training Group

Find an apprenticeship near you on the Gov.Uk website.

Traineeships

A traineeship is a skills development program that includes a work placement12. It is designed for 16-24 year olds (or 25 year olds with an education, health and care plan) who need to gain experience and skills before moving on to an apprenticeship or job.

Blackpool Skills Academy

The Platform

The Platform is a new service for 16 to 24 year olds to help them find a job, access training or education.

We have a new team of friendly employment advisers who work with you to ensure that you get support with things like CV writing, interview techniques, confidence building, arranging work experience placements, education and training and linking in with local job opportunities.

If you live in Blackpool, are currently unemployed and need any help with any of the above please do get in touch.

New Directions programme with The Platform and Blackpool and the Fylde College

Blackpool's youth employment hub, The Platform, and Blackpool and the Fylde College (B&FC) have joined up to offer a supportive programme to 16 to 24 year olds in Blackpool who are not in employment, education or training (NEET).

The New Directions programme bridges the gap between education and employment for local youth. The Platform and B&FC work together to provide a whole host of tools for young people to explore their strengths, skills and attributes.

Find out more at the Newsroom

Connect to work

Connect to work can help you if you're finding it tough to get a job or stay in work. Whether you have a disability , a long - term health condition or you're finding it hard to keep a job, we're here to support you.

Connect to work website

More information and advice

Jobcentre Plus – find your local Jobcentre

Further learning

You may want to go back to college to continue with your education. Here are colleges in and around Blackpool.

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